

When will this push to allow special interests dictate what individuals can do in the privacy of their own homes end? This Broadcast Flag Mandate, NPRM 02-230, is nothing but a ploy to make individuals serfs of whatever corporate forces have control of the levers of government at the moment. It is high-time that the government actually starts protecting the interests of real, live human citizens, not the interests of the legal-fictions that are corporations. The rights of individuals should be paramount.

Thus, it is important to stop the Broadcast Flag Mandate. If promulgated, it would set a precedent allowing the government of the United States to directly dictate exactly what individuals can do with their computers, even in the privacy of their own homes. It would set the precedent that the government of the United States may directly outlaw the production, sale and use of untrammelled computers like the one billion "personal computers" that have been freely produced and sold up until today. It would set the precedent that the government of the United States may directly enforce that all computers sold must contain both spy machinery and remote control machinery--machinery that would be controlled by media conglomerates and the security forces that are being formed for the sole purpose of spying on U.S. citizens. Under the Broadcast Flag Mandate, it would be a felony to disable the spy and remote control machinery.

This is not the direction that this country should be heading in. For once, do the right thing, and resist the corporate special interests and protect the rights of flesh and blood individuals to be FREE from corporate and state spying and control.